

VUUPOINT

JUNE 2018



Sunday Services 10:30 A.M.

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VUU Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyUU/>

Wisdom

June 3 *We are the Golden Flute: Wisdom from Hinduism*
 The Adult Choir will sing.

The Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

June 10 *Wisdom from the Unitarian Humanists*

The Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

June 17 *The Wisdom of the Crowd, or All I Really Need to Know I Learned from UU's*

with DeeAnne McClenahan

(Rev. Andy will be having a conversation with the young people in the Jr. and Sr. High summer program.)

June 24 *Memento Mori: Wisdom from the Ancient Stoics*

The Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

Events at a Glance

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| 6/01 Singles Game Night | 6/16 AZ ED 101 (singles) |
| 6/03 Annual Meeting/Elections | 6/17 Newsletter Deadline |
| FF Summer Curriculum begins | 6/18 N.S.G. Book Club |
| The Hot Beignets Concert | WUULF Festival |
| 6/10 Iftar Dinner | 6/20 General Assembly begins |
| Discussion with Andy and Marci | 6/22 Singles Monthly Dinner |
| Haircuts for All | 6/24 VUU Women' Group |
| 6/14 EastVUUs Meet | |

Sundays – Dalai Lama & Friends

LOVE IS OUR DOCTRINE
.....SERVICE IS OUR PRAYER
.....JUSTICE IS OUR CALLING



“A Moment with the Minister”

There’s an old wisdom story in the Hebrew Bible, probably a re-telling of an ancient Eastern folktale, that for a long time served as the gold standard for wisdom fables. It involves King Solomon, by some accounts the wisest-ever king of Israel. And although it is valuable historically, I believe it demonstrates one of the unhealthiest models of our June theme, wisdom.

In the setup of the story, God came to the young King Solomon in a dream and offered to grant him one wish. Whatever he wanted. I might have started Googling motorcycles, but not Solomon. He said, “Your servant is in the midst of a great people, too many to count. And I am their king. So give me an understanding mind to govern them, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people?” One wish and he asked for wisdom! One wonders if he might be available to run for elected office.

The next day, as if to test his newly-granted smarts, two women came to the king with a dispute. They lived in the same house, and both had recently given birth on the same day. Something terrible had happened. While the two women slept in their separate bedrooms, one of them rolled over onto her baby in the middle of the night and killed the child. Upon waking up and realizing what she had done, she crept into the other’s bedroom, stole the living baby from its mother’s bed, and replaced it with the baby now deceased. The woman who was accused of stealing the living baby denied the charges. The king was asked to settle the dispute.

After listening to the mothers argue for a while, Solomon called for a sword to be carried to him. He said, according to the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, “Divide the living boy in two, then give half to the one, and half to the other.” Just chop him in half, each mother gets one end, and everybody goes home... happy? One of the women said, “Sounds good.” But quickly, the true mother called out, “Don’t kill him! Give him to the other woman!” And Solomon knew then that she was the real mother of the living child. And, according to the Bible, “All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.”

I don’t know about you, but this story has always horrified me. The poor mother! But this model of wisdom has dominated for a long time. There’s one person at the top of the heap whom we all beg for answers to our problems. Even Western democracies like ours are polluted by this idea. And of course, many people think about God this way.

But I don’t think that’s how wisdom works. I think we are obligated to run these ancient wisdom stories (several of which we will hear in worship services this month) through the filters of human reason and community. In fact, I’d say that’s true of everything, including books and speeches and even this little newsletter column. Seems to me wisdom more often rises up out of community than being handed down from on high.

I suppose I wonder how things might have been different if these women could have called together a group of their peers to help them sort through the issue. Surely the threat to kill the baby could have been avoided. Maybe they would have widened the scope of the problem to include how to prevent infant deaths. Who knows? Solomon’s approach shut down the opportunity for greater wisdom to emerge.

I know it’s just a fable, and that it never happened historically. Actually, that’s precisely why I feel free to apply it to our own situation. We live in perilous times. In days like these, we need to avoid looking for a savior, one elected leader or divine being who will change everything. Rather, let us remember that we are wise and strong and powerful, that gathered as community in all our diversity we have all the wisdom we need to solve the problems we face.

With love,
Rev. Andy

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Dear friends of VUU,

Thanks to everyone that was able to attend the Congregational Conversation last weekend. We had over 100 folks in attendance and a good conversation about our current state and our next steps for growth. As mentioned in that meeting, our financial condition continues to be on target with our current projections which includes significant surplus. Also mentioned in the meeting, the surplus is due in part to pledges paid early and in part due to expense savings. Part of the surplus will be carried as income to the new fiscal year, with the remainder applied to our cash reserves. We will ask for the congregations vote at the year-end meeting to approve the budget that was presented at the conversation last week. Members received a copy of the budget through email.

We also reviewed a Special Funds committee charter update that will simplify the process of available funds for grant each year. The fund is doing very well and if it continues to grow, this means that there will be more available for the congregational needs into the future. This charter change will also require a congregational vote during the year-end meeting. The full charter with changes will be sent to members via email this week. (*Special Funds Charter update attached to this same email.*)

We wrapped up the meeting with a discussion on our growth plans. We reviewed what we have accomplished so far with our planning including current property valuations, reviewing available new sites, and improving/expanding our current campus. The architects are putting their final touches on a presentation for the congregation that we will review at the year-end meeting. We will ask the congregation to vote on moving forward with a capital campaign to start us on the next steps of feasibility and further planning for the project. This vote will only approve moving forward with a capital campaign and not a specific building plan. We will continue to refine the plans and options as we go through the process of the capital campaign including continued input and guidance from the congregation.

To help with understanding all these votes, the board put together the following motions that we will propose at the year-end meeting:

- On behalf of the VUU Board of Trustees, I move that the budget as presented at the Annual Meeting of the Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation be passed by the congregation for the fiscal year 2018-19, and that the budget include carryover income of up but not exceeding \$28,400 of the current fiscal year surplus, and that any remaining surplus is retained as cash reserves.
- On behalf of the VUU Board of Trustees, I move that the Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation adopt the changes to the Special Funds Charter as proposed at the Congregational Conversation.
- On behalf of the VUU Board of Trustees, I move that the Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation initiate a campaign for the purposes of raising capital for future physical campus improvements, and that a capital improvements committee (planning) and a capital campaign committee (fundraising) shall be formed from the membership of the congregation, who shall report to the Board no less frequently than quarterly.

There will be time for discussion on these motions. I'm hopeful that seeing these in advance will help provide some clarity before the meeting, so we don't run too long. The Leadership Development Committee will also hold elections during this meeting.

It has been a great year and a wonderful experience for me on the board this year. It is so nice to be in such a positive financial condition which has allowed us to think bigger and do more in our community. The future is looking bright and exciting.

I hope to see you at the year-end meeting June 3rd at 12:00.

Warm regards,
Paul Schneider
President
VUU Board of Trustees

ELECTIONS ARE COMING

Elections will be held at the VUU Annual Meeting at noon on June 3. Please visit the Check-In desk before the start of the meeting to register your attendance (so we can affirm a quorum) and pick up materials.

The Leadership Development Committee takes great pleasure in introducing the following candidates for the Board, the Special Funds Committee, and the Leadership Development Committee (refer to the May newsletter for pictures and bios of the candidates):

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Paul Schneider (*incumbent & current President*)

Bob Fabre (*incumbent*)

Musette Steger (*incumbent*)

SPECIAL FUNDS

Joanne McGrath

Anne Schneider

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Thomas Briggs (*incumbent & current Chairperson*)

Regina K Colburn

Lynn DeMuth

Susan Lacy

Beverly McCormick (*incumbent*)

Rebecca Riggs

Charlie Thomas

Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise; seek what they sought.

-Basho-

Faith Formation Ministry June 2018

This fall (Oct – April) VUU will be offering 2 Sunday morning worship services. In between the 2 services we will have a “Faith Formation Hour” for all ages.

Are you wondering “What will 2 worship services mean to a) our children & youth’s Sunday morning education program, b) my adult group?”

Rev. Andy and Marci want to hear your thoughts and concerns, join us for the June discussion: **Sunday, June 10th 12 – 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.**

Summer curriculum June 3rd – August 26th

Infants – 4-year olds: Open play with our childcare staff. Childcare is available every Sunday 8:30 am – 12:30 p.m., **room 6 in the Education complex.**

Children entering kindergarten – 5th grade: Start in the sanctuary with families. Children will self-select Books & Cooks group or Make/Do group. Wrist bands will help teachers identify which group children have selected. **Class will meet in rooms 1 & 2 in the education complex.**

Youth entering 6th grade – HS grads: “Being a Global Citizen”. Guest speakers will introduce youth to Global Issues and help them find answers to “How does this affect me?” and “What can I do about it?” Topics include How to talk with someone you disagree with, Planned Parenthood, World Health, Homeless/Hungry, and Immigration. **Class will meet in room 5 in the education complex.**

Summer Volunteers needed:

- **Donate the food we need for the cooking group &/OR Lead one of the programs for elementary aged children** (Books & Cooks or Make/Do), choose the dates that work for you, Marci will send you the lesson link– [use this link to donate groceries](#) OR [be in the class](#)
- **Pick up library books needed each Sunday for Books & Cooks group**– [use this sign up to pick up the books from a local library:](#)

Sunday, Sept. 2nd will be Water Fun Day

Come prepared to get wet! Wear swim suit, sunscreen, water shoes, bring a towel! All children/youth start in the Education complex (skip the sanctuary)



Our theme next school year is Unitarian Universalism –

the first class is **Sunday, Sept. 9th**. Classroom volunteers needed: application and background check required, expectation: teach 1 or 2 times per month. Contact Marci.

Coming of Age for high school aged youth –

- 1) Mentors needed!!
Goals of mentoring: create relationships between youth and non-parental adults, provide a safe space for questions and learning, support youth in their faith development.
Expectations: Attend kick off bar-b-que (January), select COA sessions, and team building day in Tucson. Meet monthly with mentee. Be their sounding board and cheerleader. Attend banquet (May) and introduce your mentee.
- 2) Orientation in January
- 3) Fundraising has already begun!
- 4) First activity to attend (attendance will check off a requirement on your Supplemental Activities checklist!) **Servetus: The Radical Reformer Musical, tickets \$10, Saturday, July 7th, 2 p.m. at Valley UU.**

For more information http://www.vuu.org/edu/coming-of-age_2019/ or contact Marci

Marci Beaudoin, Director of Faith Formation ministry

ONGOING ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

The Dalai Lama and Friends Workshop

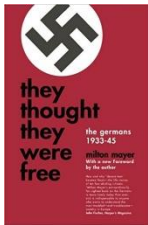


An opportunity to learn from the Dalai Lama and other Tibetan and modern Buddhist teachers is offered each Sunday from 9-10 a.m. in the RE complex, room 5. There is a reading or recorded audio or video teaching, then group discussion. Everyone is welcome! Various topics are discussed, such as 'how to be more compassionate' or 'dealing with anger' or 'how to meditate'.

If you come early there is also meditation from 8:30-9 a.m. Done at 10 - plenty of time to get to the VUU service! ...questions? Just email DavidBlackDLF@gmail.com

Child care is available at 8:30 am in the room next door, #6

The N.S.G. (Not So Great) Book Club



The N.S.G. Book Club is open to all members, visitors, and friends of VUU who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of books.

We meet once a month at the home of Johnnie Godfrey in Tempe (near Baseline Rd. and the 101). The June meeting will be on June 18 at 7:15 p.m. The June book selection is They Thought They Were Free, The Germans 1933-1945 by Milton S. Mayer. The author traveled to Germany after World War II and lived with German families. The book is the result of his interviews with typical Germans and their views of Nazi Germany.

For the meeting address or questions, please contact Johnnie at 480-839-0544, Amy at 480-917-1922, or email: agmonahan@gmail.com.

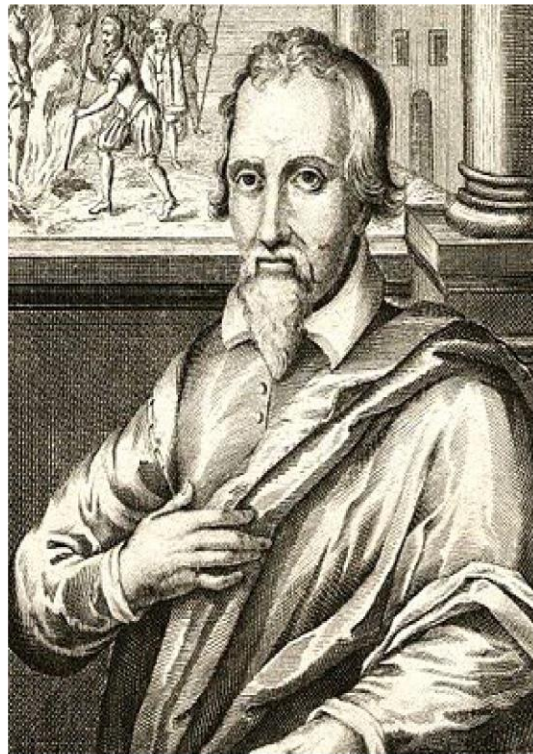


“It takes a very long time
to become young.” Pablo Picasso

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MUSIC & MORE

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SERVETUS: THE RADICAL REFORMED MUSICAL

Original Music and Dramatic Reading
2 PM Sat. July 7, Valley UU Cong.
6400 W. Del Rio St. Chandler AZ.

Rev. Dennis McCarty's 1-person musical about UU icon, Michael Servetus, has received rave reviews for its tuneful journey to the shadow side of the Protestant Reformation.

**ONE TIME ONLY—DONATION REQUESTED for
ALIENTO ARIZONA www.alientoaz.org**

SERVETUS: *The Radical Reformed Musical.* We are hosting this original Music and Dramatic Reading in the sanctuary on Saturday July 7 at 2 p.m., presented by the Rev. Dennis McCarty. He is also our guest preacher at VUU on Sunday July 8th. Tickets for *SERVETUS* are \$10 and will benefit *Aliento Arizona*, a community organization that is undocumented and youth-led. They are directly impacted people and allies who are invested in the well-being, emotional healing, and leadership development of those affected by the inequalities of lacking an immigration status.

Our CHOIRS are all taking a summer break:

The Adult Choir will be changing their rehearsal date to TUESDAYS for the fall season, and will start rehearsing again on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the VUU sanctuary. Open to all from high school age on up. This group sings a variety of mostly 4-part choral music.

Chalice Ringers (VUU's Bell Choir) will also be changing to TUESDAYS, rehearsing from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the VUU sanctuary -probably also starting up on August 21. Contact Director Joan Bundy for more info.

Chalice Singers (VUU's Children's Choir) also will be changing to TUESDAY rehearsals. They will be on break until Tuesday, October 2, when they will rehearse from 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the sanctuary kitchen. This fun group is for children mostly K through 6th grade, and they perform for worship services about once a month.

Voices Lifted Singers: Rehearsals will resume on Sunday September 2 at 1:30 p.m. This ensemble of female voices sings in community settings such as assisted living homes, senior centers, and at bedside for those recovering from surgery or illness or are receiving hospice care.

CABARET: This fun annual social & musical event is basically a variety show put on by the Adult Choir and other VUU members. Please mark your calendar now for Saturday September 29 at 7 p.m. The theme is yet-to-be-decided.

The next **JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP SESSION** is on Sunday August 19 from noon until 3:30 in Rooms 1 & 2 of the Faith Formation area on campus. If you have been attending VUU for a while, are interested in finding out more about Unitarian Universalism and membership at VUU, and want to meet other newcomers, this class is for you! Please contact office@vuu.org or music@vuu.org to register.

-Rev. Kellie Walker Hart, Minister of Music (music@vuu.org)



"Look at everything as though
you were seeing it either for the first
or last time." Betty Smith

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VUU COMMUNITY

Denominational Connections Update

David Sheh

During the last week of April UUs from around the West gathered in Portland OR for the second ever regional assembly. 650 people from 130 congregations were in attendance. There are about 180 congregations in the Pacific Western Region (PWR).

There were inspiring addresses from Rev. Susan Fredrick Gray (UUA President) and Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal. Video of these addresses and the open Sunday morning worship service can be found at <https://www.uua.org/pacific-western/regional-assembly>.

On Saturday afternoon all the districts held their business meetings. For the Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) this was a combined business meeting of the district and Camp de Benneville Pines. The delegates approved PSWD bylaw changes that removed gender binary and ablest language from the PSWD bylaws. A budget was passed that funded the district at current levels for the next fiscal year. This is a deficit budget of about \$6K. This can be funded out of district reserves, which are ample to cover deficits at this level for many years. The primary reason for the deficit was underpayment of fair share dues by a number of congregations in the district.

During the Camp portion of this meeting the delegates approved extensive bylaws revisions that removed references to the PSWD, in case the district dissolves in coming years. The camp budget for the next year was also passed. It should be noted that the Camp Ministries Director (CMD) will no longer be an employee of the district or the UUA, that person will be a direct employee of Camp de Benneville Pines. Support for this position will continue from the PSWD budget for the next 3 years, diminishing by 1/3 every year. Improvements to camp were presented, including a new water tank.

And do not forget about General Assembly (GA) that will be held the 3rd week of June. Information on this event has been in our newsletter and in many of the weekly blasts. Folks can register as an online delegate, or can look at business meetings online, check it out at uua.org.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

VUU would like to recognize those Members who are celebrating their 10- plus anniversaries. We're grateful for everything they have contributed over the years to help make VUU a growing and dynamic community. When you see them, please let them know how much we appreciate all they have done over the years!

Members who have anniversaries in June 2018 are:

20 to 29 Years:

Carl & Sue Anderson

Lloyd Harrell

Barbara Sorauf

Thank you all so much for being an important part of our Community!

VUUSOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY

Promoting Social, Economic and Environmental Justice

NOTARY - Invest in Ed and Outlaw Dirty Money Petitions

There are 2 places at VUU to get your petitions notarized:

Sundays: before and after church

During the week: VUU Office, Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please begin returning your completed petitions!

Paz de Cristo needs YOU

Are you a UU looking for another way to help others who are less fortunate? Make a commitment to help feed the hungry at Paz de Cristo on a second Friday in June, July and August. Because so many people are traveling during the summer, it is difficult finding enough people that can work. Each month, VUU needs 20 volunteers to satisfy our long running commitment to this wonderful charity. [Please check here for availability and sign up](#) – we'd love to serve with you! Send questions to pazdecristo@vuu.org

Paz de Cristo June Donation of the Month: Canned Soup and Chili

Please support our focus charity, Paz de Cristo, by bringing in a donation of canned soup or chili at any time during the month of June. For the sake of convenience, please try to donate cans with pop-top lids if possible. With your help VUU can once more fill a critical need.



Drop your donation in the designated container in the foyer of the sanctuary.

In April, VUU members provided over 500 feminine products and 600 diapers for Paz. Great job! Thanks so much!

I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program)



Thru our work with the I-HELP Chandler program, VUU provides dinner and shelter for the night for 16 - 20 individuals three - four Monday nights a month. *We are so grateful to the Adult Choir for washing I-HELP sheets every week from Sept – May.* We will need help in getting the sheets washed every week during the summer. If you'd like to help with washing sheets or learning more about I-HELP contact Sue in the office. office@vuu.org

Thank you for Supporting the VUU Social Action Ministry

If you have ideas, comments or questions about these or other Social Action projects, please contact Willa Cree, socialaction@vuu.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY IS JUNE 17



"Keep me away from the wisdom
which does not cry, the philosophy
which does not laugh..." Kahlil Gibran

Drama on a Stobie Pole, by Michael Coghlan, November 23, 2013,
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VUUsers Share



Good morning everyone. It's hard to believe I'm been a member of this community now for 12 years. What I've learned are the difficult, yet valuable lessons about what it means to be human. Difficult because our principles are not always easy to live; valuable because when practiced, our principles give us peace of mind and meaning in life.

I try to live these principles daily. I have them posted in my bathroom, so I read them every, single, day. The way I see it, we can live these principles two ways: through our community, or in other aspects of our daily lives. I have found a way to combine them.

I've served this community through various fundraisers, the RE/OWL program, Chalice Circles, and finally, my tenure as a worship associate. In my life outside this community, I try to live these principles, acting as a model for them, and I just happen to have a captive audience: high school students.

No, I don't preach in the classroom (in a manner of speaking). The one volunteer effort that has rendered the most meaning for me has been my work at *Paz de Cristo* the past ten years—I have averaged 10 out of 12 commitments a year. About eight years ago it occurred to me that I could, in a very real way, bring this experience to my students. So, I began to ask them to volunteer with me, and for the past eight years, approximately 150 students have given their time to this worthwhile charity.

Now, I'm retiring and moving to Denver, but I consider this "teaching moment" to be among my finest. My kids think so, too. If you are in a position to "recruit" young people, to provide for them the real experience of altruism, to show them first hand that the real meaning of love is an extended hand—then do it. I ask you here today, to take my place, live our principles, and make others' lives a little brighter and meaningful.

Patrick Whorton



This is in appreciation for all VUU has done for me in the past year, and all the free therapy from the sermons.

I pretty much had to start my life over last year, and was lucky enough to find VUU, my spiritual and emotional home. From the first day, I knew this was my home.

I especially want to thank my Chalice Circle and other members who helped pack me and move me to my new place in Chandler. I never could have done it by myself.

My time with EastVUU was wonderful, and I wish I had a way to still attend, I miss them.

While my health interfered with playing with our Bell Choir, they welcomed me to enjoy watching them practice, and made me the designated groupie.

I also thank all the many people who have given me rides to church and other VUU activities, and to everyone here who has been supportive in so many ways.

Jodi Freeman

By three methods we may learn wisdom:

First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest." – Confucius

An afternoon of fun music with **The Hot Beignets**



Traditional New Orleans Jazz
Klezmer and popular tunes
Featuring guest vocalist Susan Colin

Sponsored by:



congregation
nefeshsoul
creativity • caring • kavannah

Location: Valley Unitarian Universalist Campus
6400 W Del Rio St Chandler, AZ 85226
Sunday June 3 4:00 PM

Admission: Your contribution of a jar of SMOOTH PEANUT BUTTER or FRUIT ONLY JELLY will serve as your admission and help The Chandler Care Center provide lunch to children during the summer months.

Cash donations are also welcome.



VUU will host a shared meal in our Sanctuary with Baitul Aman Mosque in Chandler at 7:15 p. m. Sunday, June 10th. The Ramadan evening meal, called Iftar, includes the ceremonial daily breaking of the Ramadan fast, public prayers, and of course a full shared meal. About 30 members of the mosque, plus children, are likely attend. You are invited as well! If you are interested in breaking bread with our neighbors and getting to know them better, please sign up below (deadline June 8). You are encouraged to bring a covered dish to share (no pork products or alcohol please). Contact Sue office@vuu.org if you'd like some ideas about what to bring.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d49adab22a64-iftar>

Help is also needed for setup and cleanup. Please contact JoAnne Smith at uusmith@aol.com.

Hope to see you there!

Knowing others is intelligence;
 knowing yourself is true wisdom.
 Mastering others is strength;
 mastering yourself is true power.”
 – **Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching**

FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

2PM-6PM

HAIRCUTS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL GENDERS

At Public Image

JOIN US FOR A

fun filled haircutting event, and make a donation to Arizona Trans Youth and Parent Organization. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Appointments available for a \$20 donation.



EVENTS



EastVUUs

JUNE 14, 6:00pm

The EastVUUs are members and friends of Valley UU who are interested in faith development, social justice and friendships in the East Valley. You and your guests are invited and welcome to enjoy our fellowship and lively discussion.

What does the word "joy" evoke in you? How is joy most naturally expressed through you? Do you believe it's possible to incline your mind toward joy more consistently, even in trying times?

You are invited to explore how to awaken joy with the EastVUU group. We will also share a social action update to follow up on the voter registration training we received in May.

Please bring along some food to share, a beverage of choice and your own tableware, if possible.

Apache Wells Community Center, Maricopa Room

[2215 N 56th](#) St., Mesa, AZ 85215

Follow the "Welcome UU" signs to the Community Building.

VUU Singles

Friday, June 1, 6:15 pm, Game Night at Bob and Raul's (7392 S. Hazelton Lane, Tempe—near NE corner of Elliot and McClintock)

We're trying some first Friday of the month Game Nights and kicking it off at Bob and Raul's house. Bring a substantial snack to share. Water, ice tea and coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring alternate drinks. Text, call or email Claudette claudettewassil@hotmail.com, 973-768-6047 to RSVP. For last minute directions, contact Raul at 561-901-9277.

Interested in backing education in Arizona? Please plan to come to the presentation AZ ED 101 at Renee's on Saturday June 16 at 4:30 pm. RSVP to Claudette by text to 973-768-6047 or reply to this email.

WAYFARERS

Wayfarers Happy HoUUr will be on hiatus until September.



VUU WOMEN'S GROUP

The VUU Women's Group will continue to meet through the summer, on the fourth Sunday of every month. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, June 24; all VUU women are warmly invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary after the morning service for a simple potluck lunch and conversation! As we celebrate the season of graduations with family and friends, let's share

memories of how those "passages" went in our own lives. Please bring a simple lunch dish to share, if possible, and enjoy some time with new and old friends! For questions or comments, please contact Margaret Stewart at mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com, or 508-662-6348, or Johnnie Godfrey, johnniegirl85218@gmail.com, or 480-231-8381.



LETTING GO IN THE DESERT

JUNE 18TH - 24TH
GHOST RANCH
ABIQUIU, NEW MEXICO

ABOUT WUULF

Western Unitarian Universalist Life Festival is a week-long camp for Unitarian Universalists. We are a friendly, intergenerational camp seeking to build a close-knit community in which we can live out our UU principles and purposes —a place where participants of all ages can spend time focusing on their own interests, as well as spend time together. We are a loving community from a diverse set of age groups, backgrounds, and cultures who gather in New Mexico each year to express our appreciation for each other and our world. We would love to see you there for our relaxing, rejuvenating, and above all, welcoming, week in the New Mexico sun!

Join Dee Masters for an exciting and engaging experience. Letting Go in the Desert is all about music, improv, dance, and games! Everyone is encouraged to participate, young and old

For the rest of the week, enjoy hiking, relaxing, swimming, singing, art, spiritual rejuvenation and community. There is something for everyone at WUULF and we would love to have you!

Visit <http://reg.wuulf.org> to register

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

CUBS (Grades entering K to entering 2nd) & **COYOTES** (3rd to entering 5th) The children enjoy a number of different activities, including hikes, storytelling, swimming, playing in the mud, visiting museums at the ranch and doing arts and crafts.

PACK (Grades entering 6th to entering 8th) Our staff facilitates activities designed to promote learning, sharing, and growing in a UU oriented environment. Pack members will have the opportunity to hike, swim, share feelings, explore their spirituality, and just hang out.

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades entering 9th to completing 12th/18YO) Our older teens will meet on program days. We will work on communications and intergroup team building

Visit www.WUULF.org for a copy of our catalog or email info@wuulf.org with any questions!



Caring & Concerns Neighborhood Contacts

Summer vacation time is here, and people head off for cooler climates. If something comes up that you need assistance with during this slower time of year, please call on your Neighborhood Contact. We're ready to help, be it with a ride, food, or just a caring note.

If there's a situation coming up you'll need help with, or you have a joy to share, contact your Neighborhood Contact. We're ready to be of assistance.

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***We need more Neighborhood Contacts to fully cover all areas. If you would like to help strengthen the bonds of community in our congregation, please contact Lauree Perry

There is a way for your joys and sorrows to be mentioned in the newsletter. Just send an email to caring@vuu.org. You can also request to be contacted by the minister, a Lay Pastoral Associate, and/or your Neighborhood Contact this way.



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